

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Virtual – Teams Meeting

Attendance included:

Committee Members	Staff	Guests
Alyssa Boxhill, Chair Marien Hornyak Russell Richardson Shayne Boucher John Thomas Roger Rinker Eric Eckl Jennifer Whitmore Lou Huzella Alderman Russell	David Edmondson Brandon Mark	Joe Kelley – Frederick County BPAC

Chairman's Report: Meeting Called to Order at 6:30

Announcements:

No announcements.

Approval of Minutes:

July 7, 2020

Motion: Lou Huzella made a motion to approve the minutes as amended.

Second: Erick Eckl.

Vote: 7-0.

John Thomas joined the meeting.

Staff Review:

- **Crash Report**
 - No comments.
- **Streeteries: street closures and parklets**
 - Alyssa asked if the ram catch will replace all the water barriers. Alderman Russell responded no. These are for the street closures. They will not need to man because they will be a vehicle stopper.
 - JT stated he still has concerns about how a wheelchair user gets into the closed street. David stated he will be sure to forward the concern on.
 - Eric asked for clarification that when David said just the park if he were talking about just the street closure that would not return. David said correct.
- **7th Street Bike Lane – update**
 - JT asked that when David is referring to the protected bike lane can you clarify if you are talking about a two way protected bike lane verses one way on either side and its significant especially in situations like this because if we are talking two way there is a lot more concerns about how we get through the intersection and how we would transition through the gaps. Alyssa wanted to add on to JT's comment and stated that

if this is going to be constructed piece meal we would have to take into consideration and the concerns that people are sharing about the small segment by direction on one side, lanes that are on N. Market there is nothing on either side. David replied that as we develop a striping plan we have a good phasing plan for that as well.

- Marién asked how the water main repairs affect the sidewalks. David responded it should not but that is something that he brought up in the planning meeting on the water main work and hopefully will be in the meetings around those kinds of discussions so the impact should be minimal.
- Alyssa asked if there was a timeframe set for the majority the heavy lifting work where the sections will be closed. David said no.

- **9th & Motter – Update**

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- Shayne asked how far out does this type of project go out? David said our CIP only goes out a year or two so the project list is roughly that far out. Alderman Russell added that it is not on the radar at this point.

- **Truncated Circle Pads – Cost/Prioritization**

- Marién asked how does the city prioritize what intersections get the truncated circle and what are the ADA requirements for a city to get this done? David stated that ADA requires these to be done for new construction, but old construction is largely grandfathered so it is not needed and as far as how it prioritized is they try to pair it with existing street work. If the committee feels that a different set of priorities need to be made then that recommendation can be forwarded to the appropriate people.

- **Bike Rack Grant Program**

- Alderman Russell asked if we are looking at this as a downtown project or a city wide project.
- Shayne stated that he feels that the Golden Mile should be looked at for the demand of bike racks.
- David stated he if we could partner with the county for funding new racks as well. The only issue he would see is not so much the rack but the installation and that would be where a lot of the cost would come in.
- Jennifer asked if there was a list of locations that could be shared.

Discussion: League of American Bicyclists Path to Silver

- Shayne asked about the key steps to silver if any are being done or will be done? David responded that we use ASHTO standards as part of the comprehensive plan the transportation chapter it calls for ensuring that all bicycling infrastructure meet the NACTO 8-80 frameworks. It involves protected bike lanes on most city streets that are currently above the local level.
- Shayne feels there is an opportunity to work with Frederick County and knows that Frederick County BPAC is looking at doing some education programs and has requested specific funding to educate the driver but the bicyclists. They are actively looking at infrastructure to build that support Frederick County School so anything that could do with education that supports the school will help facilitate your efforts to make the city more bike friendly.
- Jennifer asked if there are any roads that bicycles are banned in the city? Alderman Russell responded no.
- Alyssa asked if we know specifically what their definition of high-speed road is. David stated that he believes high speed roads would be anything above 25 mph.
- Jennifer said there are no bicycle friendly universities and noticed Hood is not considered a bike friendly college asked what they requirements are. Shayne replied that him and Joe have been talking with the president of Hood to see if they would be interested in being a

bike friendly university. They need someone to go ahead and walk them through what would put them in a good position.

- Roger stated that he wondered if it would be helpful if we had someone from the league show up at the meeting to provide us with hints on how we might better achieve this.

Committee Member Announcements or Comments:

- Alderman Russell stated that she has some updates one being the bicycle friendly signs are up on poles around the city. She added that the Regional Transportation Board and two items were just passed at the meeting. The TPB has undertaken a safety study with a consultant to identify some very specific recommendations to reduce pedestrian crashes and serious injury crashes. We just passed a list of 50+ of specific recommendations for jurisdictions to look at and adopt. She added that we just approved the National Capital Trail network which is an expansion of the National Capital Trail that connects all of the 17 jurisdictions within the transportation planning.
- Shayne stated that the Penny Farthing and Pints event was a success. And this past Sunday we had the Throwback on the Towpath event and it was very well attended people enjoyed seeing the high wheelers out there.

Public Comment:

- No public comment.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Roger Rinker.

Second:

Vote: 10-0.

Adjourned approximately 7:42 P.M.